



Family and Youth Initiatives Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023

Present: Kari Mathys, Jenny VandenLangenberg, Amy Rouleau, Theresa Williams, Joan Huntoon, Loren VandenPlas

Minutes from the last meeting (3/13/2023) were approved via Flocknote and have been posted to the parish website.

1. Doug Wichman is retiring from our committee :(

- We thank him for his time and efforts serving on this committee for several years. Jenny will organize a thank you gift. We brainstormed ways to recruit new members and identified some possible candidates.

2. RE updates

- Theresa has provided her report/update in advance of the meeting.
- The Catechist Appreciation Dinner is on May 23rd. Theresa will work with Amy to cater food rather than cooking the meal this year so it allows more time for visiting. The group will be around 35 people. Amy, Joan, and Loren will help serve, arriving at 5:00. Kari, Jenny, and Joan can help with clean up.
- Backpack Blessing August 26-27 - The committee can help promote this, Theresa and Jeff will handle the main parts to the blessing. Our committee members can be at Mass to help with getting the tags on the backpacks.
- Future planning for the Christmas Program: Theresa will start looking at options and our committee will help plan and carry it out. We should have a final decision on the Christmas Program by August.

3. Middle & High School Update

- Neil will let us know if anything is needed from our committee.

4. FYI Committee Events & Initiatives

- Palm Sunday Family Event Recap - Loren said palm braiding went very well. The ceramic egg painting was a hit and enjoyed by all. Next year we will rethink the flow of everything in the Fellowship hall with our limited space. We will consider changing the date next year since Easter is early and most schools are on Spring Break around Palm Sunday. We will look at the dates of March 10th or 17th to have a Family Lenten Event.
- Outdoor Movie Night - June 8 - Final Movie choices are Encanto and Mother Teresa: No Greater Love. Concessions will be hotdogs, popcorn, candy, soda, water, nachos, ice cream (Mitch will take care of). We can add a prayer or short reflection to the beginning of the movie. Amy will write a few things to say about how the movie connects us with our faith. Jeff can hand out POP frisbees to kids in attendance. Theresa will also check with Jeff to see if the local sisters he knows would be interested in attending the movie night and saying a few words before the 8:00 movie. Kari, Jenny, Joan, and Amy will begin to set up at 5:00. Kari will request start up cash from the office and make price sheets, Jenny and Amy will buy the main food and drink items, and Jenny will make sure the welcome/parking signs are ready to go. Jenny will work with Red to get a PowerPoint on a flash drive to play on the screen in before and in between movies that will advertise upcoming events at POP. She will also reserve the portable restroom and sink for that evening.
- Camp Tek Family Days Promotions (Sat. July 8th, Sat. Aug. 5th - \$10/person) Jenny will talk to Red about promoting this to our parish for interested families. Most likely it can be added to Flocknote communications that Theresa is sending out to the RE families and maybe we can also send it to the Camp Tek Flocknote group from last year.
- Pet Blessing October 7th at 10:00. This is already on the parish calendar and we will work out the details in the upcoming months. Please continue to research ideas to make this event special for all ages.
- We discussed ways to engage kids and their parents at the Church Picnic. Kari will talk to Red about buying bags with the POP logo on it for kids prizes and maybe come up with an info. sheet or magnet with things we offer for kids at POP including Gospel Time, RE, upcoming family events.

Next Meeting: August 17 at 6:30 pm

Faith Formation/Religious Education Report to FYI

May 9, 2023

- 1. REGISTRATIONS** - Registration for the 2023-2024 Religious Education year is open through Faith Direct. I sent this information out to all current families through Flocknote and have posted it in the parish bulletin and website with the QR Code included. Every time I send reminders, I get a few more families to register. Currently, we are at 62 students.
- 2. VBS** – The VBS registration is open. Currently we have 23 students. The VBS theme for July 24-28th is Wilderness Adventure. It has the kids gear up for a hike through the wilderness and leads them to discover amazing things about the Sacraments. The goal of this program is to help children better understand the seven sacraments and deepen their love for Jesus. We have begun planning the activities for the week.
- 3. FIRST COMMUNION** - First Communion was April 23rd at 1:00 PM. We had 22 students make their First Communion. They, along with other parish students that have made their First Communion, were welcomed back to wear their First Communion attire and participate in the May Crowning by bringing a flower in the entrance procession at all Masses May 6-7th.
- 4. APPRECIATION DINNER** - We are holding an Appreciation Dinner on May 23rd at 6PM as thank you to all catechists, aides, volunteers, and Gospel Time leaders. Last year, we suggested for this year to have it catered or maybe have FYI serve to enable Neil and I to spend more time with catechists. I am looking for some members of this group that would volunteer to do this?
- 5. SCRIP TUITION CREDIT CHANGES FOR 2023-2024** – There is a new Scrip policy (See attached). The two main changes that will go into effect are: 1) no longer just relatives, anyone, can give 50% of their SCRIP rebate to a select family and (2) we will now give SCRIP rebates to families in catholic schools within the GB Diocese to help with tuition. The new policy will not be in the handbook as previously done, but will be printed separately and given to each family. It will require a signature on it from the parents in order for funds to be disbursed.
- 6. FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MOBILE PACK EVENT** - Together the Prince of Peace FMSC MobilePack Event packed 101,088 meals. I put a couple pictures in our bulletin. We have a shared Google Drive of pictures that would be nice to share on our website like we did last year. There are a few FMSC T-Shirts available in the Gathering Space. Final figures for donations will be available soon.
- 7. 23-24 CALENDAR** – I have a tentative calendar for next year (See attached). We have changed the earlier times to 4:30-5:30 and 5:45-6:45. We are keeping the 7-8:15 later time the same. We are using Edge for grades 5-6 and LifeTeen for 7-9. Purpose is for the 10-11th graders. We will be looking at what additional core team members we will need. I would say it has been a wonderful addition to our RE program. Although we had a few kinks to work out, all-in-all it was a huge success. There is also a new 2nd grade program that we are

considering for First Reconciliation/Communion through Ascension Press called Renewed/Received. There is a short trailer available to view at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wy6ht8OyP0s>

8. UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

Youth Blizzard Game/Concert	May 13
Catechist, etc Appreciation	May 24
Family Movie Night	June 8
Security Training	June 10
VBS	July 24-28, 2023
POP Picnic	August 13, 2023

In Christ,

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